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Serial No. 10/636,081
Filed: 08/06/2003
Art Unit: 1638
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For: "Methods for Producing Conifer Somatic Embryos"

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Application No.: 10/636,081 Art Unit: 1661 / Confirmation No: 9824
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Title: METHODS FOR PRODUCING CONIFER SOMATIC EMBRYOS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.

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